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SUBJECT: MALDIVES POISED TO CHANGE POSITION ON ANTI-ISRAEL
UNGA RESOLUTIONS

REF: STATE 118799

Classified By: DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION VALERIE C. FOWLER REASONS:
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11. (C) On November 18, PolChief delivered reftel points urging non-support of Anti-Israel UN Resolutions to the Maldives High Commissioner Ali Hussain Didi. While he could not commit to a definitive response, Didi assured Pol Chief of government of the Maldives (GOM) serious consideration of the resolutions and the Maldives probable intention to abstain or to be absent from the vote. Didi was confident of a favorable outcome in GOM's vote at the upcoming UNGA resolutions. Didi noted the Maldives recent re-establishment of diplomatic ties with Israel. Didi emphasized the importance of a strong U.S. and the Maldives bilateral relationship.

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